



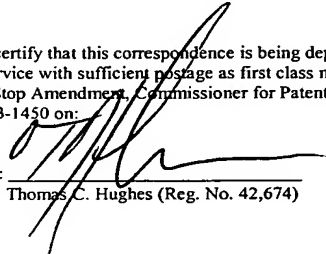
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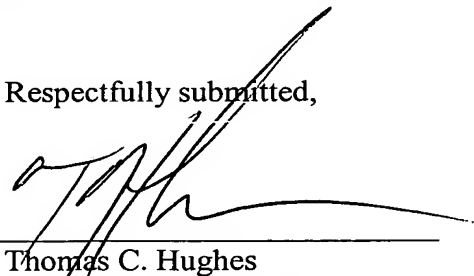
In response to the Office Action of October 2, 2006, transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action of October 2, 2006. The extended period for response expires on April 2, 2007. Please charge the \$510.00 (small entity) extension fee and any other fee that may be required or credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon LLP Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.

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